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Robert C. Livingston to John Kean, June 3, 1789

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John Kean Esqr

Newyork June 3^d 1789

Dear Sir

I lament that we have not been able to vend your
Indigo at any price —

I placed it in the Hands of Mr. Nixen (at Burling Slip, owner of Cap.
Snell's vessel) with a promise of a Commission for selling it.
flattering myself that His and my exertions might effect it — We
have failed in every attempt neither He nor I have had any
offer for it — owing to the Quantity at market —

Mr. Jay sometime past ineffectually attempted several times to
sell some Indigo of different Qualities at vendue — Mr. Moses
made similar attempts with the same ill success — I therefore wish
you had not determined to send me the 3 casks you mention
the 29th April — — — — — Howsoever every opportunity the market will
admit you shall have — we cannot do more

I cannot advise the sending it to the Country for sale nor selling
it to People living out of this Town — my own goods I sell to
residents in the City —

My thanks are due for your information respecting the Lands
I mentioned, as also for your calculation on the Profits of a Rice Estate
I shall

I shall attend to them when I embark for Georgia, say next winter — I expect in a few days to go on a visit to the manor with all my family — The good old gentleman & Lady from Eliz: were here and I almost prevailed on them to accompany us — He has let his House to Mr. Van Barpall for £200 — the Repairs & Taxes will diminish it £50 —

Dr Sir

Since the above I am honored with a Letter from Mr. Chisolm inclosing me Bill of Lading for three Drs. of Indigo Ship. on your acct. which I have recd. with your Letter of 2^d May and as I intend going out of Town, have sent the Indigo to Messrs Sebring & Van Wyck (on the Albany Dock) for Sale, and as we cannot obtain an offer for it — I have desired them to Barter it for N. Y. Rum — Tow cloth or broken Tea.

Cotton always sells here for some price for exportation to Eng^d tho' I suppose it will always command a superior price for this purpose in Charleston

Flaxseed when plenty is worth 5/ to 5/6 — when scarce 8/ to 8/6 —

If Cap: Elliott does not depart soon, it's probable I may write again by this opportunity — In the interim I am with great Esteem &c Sir
your most hble. Ser^t

Wm. L. Smith

Philip Livingston is elected senator / in our State Legislature -
Congress Mr. Morris is in expectation of prevailing on Congress to remove to Phila^a
at their adjournment in sep^r. or oct^r. - Carolina & Georgia we hope will save us.

John R. Livingston is married to Miss M^c. Evers -
Mr. In^d. Wilkes to be married to Miss Seton, niece to Mr. W^m. Seton -

Rum N.Y. is @ 2/10 pr. gal. it has risen in consequence of the intended duty on
molasses & W.I. Rum - —

Rice 23/ to 25/-

Flour S.f. - 48/-

— corn 44/-

Indian corn 4/ to 4/2 -

I believe I mentioned to you that Mr. Seagrave writes me that the 100 acres on
Hutchinson's Island has actually made 300 bbls rice with 25- hands - and that 20 Hands
will always make on it 250 bbls - pr. ann - the price asked is £800 as you mentioned

Excuse the precipitancy with which I have written this Letter - I am afraid
it'll intrude on your time to decipher it -

Mr. Crutshank says he will forward the furniture for you as soon as it
is finished - I've given him the directions -

R. E. Livingston
June 3^d 89-

John Keane Esq